




## Illinois Department of Natural Resources

To: All Aggregate and Coal Operators and Contract Blasters

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Office of Mines and Minerals 

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Subject: 2016 Blasting Licensure and Certification Training and Examination

This letter is to provide notice of the next scheduled blasting licensure and certification training and examination sessions. All individuals whose duties include the direct supervision of blasting operations at surface coal and non-coal mining operations are required to be licensed or certified.

To obtain a blaster license or certificate, a person must provide an application to the Department and show proof of blaster training. Once the application is approved, the person must pass an examination administered by the Department. Individuals may obtain the required training from colleges, consultants or representatives from explosives manufacturers. Training will be provided by the Department, at no charge, in conjunction with each examination.

<u>Training</u> (9:00am- 5:00pm)	<u>Examination</u> (9:00am- Noon)	<u>Location</u>
February 02-04, 2016	February 05, 2016	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division 503 E. Main Benton, IL 62812
October 04-06, 2016	October 07, 2016	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division 503 E. Main Benton, IL 62812

Although only two examinations have been scheduled for the calendar year of 2016, the Department will continue to offer additional examinations if a company or group of companies can put together at least 12 individuals. The date and location of these additional training and examination sessions will be determined based upon the needs of the participants and the availability of Department training personnel.

Maps will be provided to individuals scheduled to attend the sessions. If you have any questions concerning the blaster license, certificate training or examination please contact Jim Hafliger at (217)782-9976. You may also email at [Jim.Hafliger@illinois.gov](mailto:Jim.Hafliger@illinois.gov) or Angela Martin at [Angela.Martin@illinois.gov](mailto:Angela.Martin@illinois.gov).